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# CRUSADE AGAINST BOLSHEVISM

## General Goering On Italo-German Intentions

### Post Office Vessel Wrecked

Nanking, To-day.  
A steamer chartered by the Post Office has been wrecked in the Hsintang Rapids, between Ichang and Chungking, causing probably the biggest postal loss in years.—Reuter.

### NEW LIGHT ON K.C.R. DISASTER

#### GUARD KILLED IN ONE COACH

#### APPALLING RUSH OF FLAMES

Fresh light on the K.C.R. coach fire disaster, demonstrating the appalling rapidity of the fire's spread, is revealed by new evidence in the possession of the railway authorities.

Major R. D. Walker, general manager of the British Section, told the "China Mail" this afternoon that there were two ticket collectors and two of the railway guards inside the coaches when the outbreak occurred.

So swiftly did the flames from the moment of the first flash of the celluloid package that one of the guards was burned to death and one of the collectors is numbered among those in hospital. It will be recalled, too, that a staff bar-boy (who was in coach No. 92) died in the Kowloon hospital.

The evidence seems to indicate clearly that there was practically no chance of warning being given by any member of the train crew which would have minimised the tragic loss of life.

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Major Walker added that the train carried fire extinguishers, though not in the carriages. They were kept in a coach about two coaches removed from those involved in the fire. They were not used as they would have been quite useless to combat a fire of the magnitude it assumed so rapidly.

Major Walker stated that the K. C. R. were very interested in the photograph published in the "China Mail" yesterday showing two distinct columns of smoke rising from the coaches in the early stages of the fire, soon after the train had been brought to a standstill.

### JUNK PIRACY AT DEEP BAY

#### BOATS AND CARGO ARE CONFISCATED

A junk piracy in British waters has been reported to the Police by Kwong Kau, who states that at about 8 p.m. on Monday he was in the vicinity of Black Point with four other junks carrying a cargo of salt and sugar to Chinese territory. Five other junks suddenly surrounded them and one of the occupants fired two shots. They were then forced to Deep Bay near Un Loong.

The robbers numbered 18 in all and five were armed with revolvers.

## DETERMINED TO PREVENT SPREAD

ROME, TO-DAY.

IT IS THE DETERMINATION OF ITALY AND GERMANY TO OPPOSE AT ANY PRICE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BOLSHEVISM IN SPAIN, ANNOUNCED GENERAL GOERING. GERMAN VICE-CHANCELLOR, IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON THE NATURE OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SIGNOR MUSSOLINI.

Italy and Germany, he said, have the same ideals, the same opinions, the same system of authority and order and recognised the need of firm collaboration to overcome the great danger which Bolshevism had brought into the world.

This danger, Goering added, had now reached its most acute phase and Italy and Germany were determined to oppose any development that might increase it.

Foreign reports which had suggested that the Italian Government had sought to persuade the German Government to desist in its policy in Spain were false. His reception in Italy had exemplified Italy's appreciation of Germany's friendly support in the Abyssinia conflict.—Reuter.

### EMIGRATION IN EMPIRE SITUATION MADE CLEAR

#### DOMINIONS TO SAY WORD

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The Dominions Secretary moved a financial resolution in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon as a prelude to the introduction of a bill dealing with Empire settlement. The present act expires at the end of May.

Mr. Macdonald warned the House that the fact that the Government was proposing amending legislation did not portend unilateral action in the matter. It was for the Dominions to say the word "Go."

He hoped the day was not far distant when they could make a beginning, with the co-operation of the Dominion authorities, to expand the present volume of Empire migration.

Two changes were forecast by the Minister. The maximum figure which the United Kingdom Government could spend on migration schemes in the light of the realities of experience, he fixed at £1,500,000 annually while, at the same time, the maximum percentage grant which they could give to any individual scheme would be increased from 50 to 75 per cent.

The resolution was approved after Mr. Macdonald had given an assurance that the maximum of £1,500,000 would be increased if it ever were found inadequate.—British Wireles.

### DUKE OF KENT GOES TO SANDRINGHAM

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The Duke of Kent, who made a tour yesterday morning of the social service centres in London, left by car in the afternoon for Sandringham to join the King and Queen and Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family.—British Wireles.

When they reached Deep Bay the robbers transferred the cargo, valued at \$165, into their own boats and forced the occupants of three boats into two. The robbers made off towards Chek Wan taking three of their victims' boats.

#### COMMENT ON EDEN SPEECH

Berlin, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden's speech in the House of Commons last night (reported elsewhere in this issue) is described by the Nazi official newspaper, "Voelkischer Beobachter," as "one of those rather overdone appeals to Germany which we have so often heard."

Another journal, "Lokalanzeiger," reiterates the appeal that Britain's foreign policy should show a greater realisation of the danger of Bolshevism.—Reuter.

#### ITALY'S VIEWS

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Government will submit its answer to the British proposals regarding the volunteer question at the end of the week. It is assumed in informed political circles here that Italy will express agreement, in principle, to the control of volunteers, but will demand that, in addition, every type of propagandist and financial support be prohibited.

Such measures, alone, it is declared, can bring about a solution to the Spanish problem. The "Giornale d'Italia" expresses regret that the French answer to the proposals failed to consider them from a wider and more general European viewpoint.—Trans-Ocean.

### PARIS ESCAPES MEATLESS DAYS

#### Butchers' Strike Goes To Arbitration

Paris, To-day.

Following conferences between delegations of the Butchers' Association and slaughterhouse employers, together with Minister, M. Dormoy, the strike of 3,600 butchers which threatened to leave Paris without meat, has been provisionally settled. Both parties have declared themselves willing to have differences adjusted by a Committee appointed by the Government and as a result work will be resumed next Monday. It is reported that an agreement has been reached on the question of 40-hour week in the abattoirs, but employers refuse to comply with the demands of the butchers for a 22 per cent. increase in wages. This will be settled by a "referee." As a result of the strike, the price of meat increased about 40 per cent. yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.



Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden and his wife, Princess Sybilla, to whom a daughter was born at Stockholm yesterday.

### Daughter Born To Princess

Stockholm, To-day.  
Princess Sybilla, wife of Prince Gustav Adolf, grandson of King Gustaf of Sweden, has given birth to a daughter who will be named Brigitte Ingeborg Alice.—Trans-Ocean.

### DOCKYARD DISMISSAL CHARGES

#### VICTIMISED FOR POLITICS?

#### MAJOR ATTLEE'S SUGGESTION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The recent discharge of five workers from Naval Dockyards in Britain was made the subject of a question in the House of Commons yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition, Major Attlee, who alleged they were dismissed because of their political affiliations.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Samuel Hoare, answering the query, asserted that although, because of the nature of the case, the facts could not be made public, the civil authorities who had conducted the investigation were unanimous in their conviction that the men were unfit for further employment as dockworkers.

Major Attlee declared himself not satisfied with the answer and announced that he would take steps to investigate the matter further.—Trans-Ocean.

### FURTHER BRITISH PROTEST

#### Rebel Craft Firing At Steamer

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The British Ambassador to Spain, who is at Hendaye, has been instructed to enter protest with the Spanish insurgent authorities against a case of interference with British ship on high seas on January 12, when the Cardiff steamer Bramhill was fired upon by the insurgent armed trawler, Larache.

The protest was announced in the Commons at question time by the Foreign Secretary, who added that a British cruiser had ascertained that the Bramhill carried no contraband.—British Wireles.

### ANGLO-IRISH TALKS BROUGHT NO RESULTS

#### NEGOTIATIONS MAY FOLLOW

LONDON, TO-DAY.

No concrete decisions were reached in the recent conversations between Mr. de Valera and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, beyond agreement to maintain an existing trade agreement.

The Dominions Secretary announced in a reply to a Commons question on the relations between the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State Government, that it had been agreed to continue for another year the trading arrangements concluded at the beginning of last year, subject to modifications of detail within the general framework, discussions on which were proceeding.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald went on to refer to his conversations with Mr. de Valera and emphasised that the talks which had been on a number of matters affecting the relations between the two countries had been informal, and that no formal negotiations were in progress.

Arising out of that conversation, certain matters were under examination and until that examination was completed, he could not say whether any further discussions were imminent.

He added that the United Kingdom Government was ready to take any opportunity which presented itself of reaching a satisfactory settlement of the outstanding questions between the two countries.—British Wireles.

### PLANE STILL AT SIANFU

#### Still Waiting For Other Foreigners

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

The Eurasia plane which went to Sianfu with the British and American military attaches aboard, remained overnight at Sianfu and was still there at 10.30 a.m. waiting to evacuate the remaining five foreign residents.—Reuter.

It was ascertained that the Bramhill carried no contraband.—British Wireles.

## GRAPHIC STORY OF GALLANTRY IN NORTH SEA

Oslo, To-day.

Thrilling messages relating details of heroic efforts to rescue the crew of a doomed steamer have been coming in from the North Sea, where a terrific gale is raging.

The gale has caused extensive damage to the southern and western coasts of Norway and well as playing havoc among shipping.

Two steamers, one a Norwegian and the other a Russian ship, are reported to be drifting helplessly before the wild weather.

Little is known about the fate of the Soviet s.s. Imen, but the Norwegian vessel, Trym, has been helpless for the last 24 hours. Her crew in that time has been working desperately at the pumps to keep her alive in mountainous seas, while a Norwegian mail liner, herself slightly damaged, has been cruising round and round her pouring oil on the water in an endeavour to rescue her crew of nineteen.

All the Trym's lifeboats have been smashed and the boat is gradually sinking.

The Imen is drifting with her steering-gear smashed and has been continually asking for help in the last ten hours.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

Remarkable weather vagaries were recorded in Germany yesterday with temperatures of 15 degrees Centigrade below freezing point in the East, and 5 Centigrade above freezing point in Western Germany.

While Berlin is buried under the first heavy snow of this winter, which is causing heavy train delays, it was raining in Munich and in Upper Bavaria. A blizzard is raging over Hamburg, the North Sea and the Baltic which has embarrassed shipping considerably.

The German steamer, Schleswig, experienced engine trouble on the Lower Elbe River and had to be towed to Hamburg, while the Norwegian steamer Trym, after sending out S.O.S. calls, foundered with the loss of her crew of 19, in the North Sea.—Trans-Ocean.

### SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS TO BE EXPELLED?

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The well-known member of the Labour Party, Sir Stafford Cripps will in all likelihood be expelled from the party next week owing to the action he took regarding the "Socialist League."

This action, it is stated in Labour Party circles, is a direct challenge to Party Leaders.

At the instigation of Sir Stafford Cripps, the Socialist League and Independent Labour Party had decided to form a common front with Communists, a decision in opposition to the official attitude of the British Labour Party, which only recently reaffirmed its resolve not to make a common cause with the Communists.—Trans-Ocean.

### LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone over China has increased in intensity and is moving eastward, pressure being highest to the north of the Lower Yangtze Valley. The depression is moving into the Pacific to the East of Japan. Local forecast: N.E. and E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

### SHAH OF PERSIA RECALLS MINISTER FROM PARIS

#### OFFENDED BY ARTICLE IN NEWSPAPER

Paris, To-day.

The Shah of Persia has recalled his Minister from Paris and has withdrawn Persia's contribution to the forthcoming Paris international exhibition, according to a report in "Le Matin" which is, however, not published by any of the other papers.

The cause of the Shah's displeasure, continues the paper, began a few months ago when the French papers made inaccurate statements about Persia. The incident was, however, settled through the paper printing a correction which was conveyed to the Shah by the French Minister in Teheran.

Recently, however, a paragraph appeared in a Paris weekly which the Shah regarded as insulting to him personally. This led to the recall of his Minister, who left Paris on Monday evening.

The Persian Legation is now in charge of the First Secretary, who, in reply to inquiries by pressmen, stated that he hoped the incident would soon be cleared up. He pointed out that Persia's preparations for the Paris Exhibition were considerably advanced and the first consignment of valuable rugs and other works of art had already arrived.—Trans-Ocean.

### COL. BECK'S VISIT TO BERLIN

#### Connected With League Problems

Berlin, To-day.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Beck, who is accompanied by his chief secretary, left Warsaw yesterday evening en route to Geneva for the forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations Council. He will interrupt his journey and visit the German Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath, this morning, according to information received here by Trans-Ocean.

It is supposed in political circles that German-Polish relations as well as the Danzig question will be discussed, the latter being included in the agenda of the forthcoming session of the League Council.—Trans-Ocean.





# Sporting Page



## CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL PRODUCES TWO GOOD CRICKETERS

### TO-NIGHT'S BILLIARDS

Two matches in the Junior Billiards Championship of the Colony will be played this evening when Wong Yui-chee meets J.F.V. Ribeiro at the Kowloon Cricket Club, while G. A. Low will encounter Mui Chan-tang at the Catholic Union Club.

In the former match Ribeiro, who is a well-known cueist, is expected to enter the Second Round, while Mui Chan-tang, who reached the Third Round last year, is favoured in the latter match.



(Left) The Misses Andre and Helene Martin, who have gone home to England, will be badly missed by the C.B.S. "A" in their remaining Brawn Cup League matches. (Right) The Misses Maureen and June Booker, inside-right and right-half respectively of the C.B.S. "A" hockey team, have been playing consistently well throughout the season. ("China Mail" photos).



## HOLDEN AND BAXTER EXCEL

### GAME INTRODUCED IN 1925?

### STREET, PARSONS AND HOSEGOOD SHOW PROMISE

### MESSRS. MULCAHY AND McLELLAN BRINGING OUT THE BEST

(By "ADREM")

CRICKET at the Central British School has never been in a healthier state than in the last two seasons. So far as is known, the game has always been played there but, due to lack of facilities and the absence of a really efficient coach, the school never reached the standard that one expected from a British institution.

The arrival of Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. McLellan and the move to the new premises in Homun-tin, with its spacious playing fields, has produced a vast

change in the standard of cricket at the school, and it now ranks among the first three cricketing schools in the Colony.

I have been unable to ascertain when the eleven was actually started. In 1925 a band of enthusiasts headed by the late "Jumbo" Hirst, R. G. Wittchell, the son of Mr. R. C. Wittchell, one-time stalwart of the Civil Service C.C. G. G. Edwards and T. S. D. Whitley, now better known for his hockey exploits got together a very useful side which engaged in many an epic battle with their old rivals the D.B.S. The latter school was then riding on the crest of a wave and invariably



Miss J. Weller, above, is now playing a good game in goal for the "Y" Ladies' second string.

### C. B. S. HOCKEY

### TRIBUTE TO MRS. PROPHET

### POTENTIAL WINNERS

(By "STICKS")

One of the most pleasing features of the present hockey season has been the tremendous enthusiasm displayed by School teams, and particularly the Central British School and the Diocesan Girls' School. The Central British Schoolgirls' "A" and "B" teams made their debut in the Brawn Cup League this year, and the former have come very close to being so last Thursday, when their strongest rivals, the Rides' Ladies, were forced to share two goals after being a goal up two minutes from time.

The outstanding players in the Brawn Cup League this season are undoubtedly the Martin sisters, Andre and Helene, who have unfortunately left the Colony for Home. Miss Andre Martin was an excellent centre-forward, and had only one rival, Miss Helen Booker, of the Diocesan Girls' School.

Coached by Mrs. Prophet, a fine player herself, the Schoolgirls have come on magnificently and some of their displays have completely outclassed the standard of hockey seen in the major League.

### FINE UNDERSTANDING

Probably the outstanding feature of the C.B.S. "A" team was the splendid understanding between their halves and forwards, the latter always being ready to take a pass, while the inside forwards have invariably fallen back when the necessity arose.

Miss J. Booker, Miss M. McCaw, who took part in one of the Ladies' recent Interport trials, and Miss C. Bone made a splendid intermediate line, but the latter has left school and Miss E. Lailovet-sky, the "B" team centre-half, and a very promising player, has been promoted to fill the vacancy. There have been two changes in the attack, Miss D. McCaw moving from inside-left to centre-forward, to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Andre Martin's departure for Home, while Miss Mona Shant, the "B" team centre-forward, has been promoted to inside-left of the "A" team and was responsible for scoring the equalising goal in her debut match last Thursday, when they shared two goals with The Rides' Ladies. The only remaining change in the team is the inclusion of Miss M. Bell, at left-back, in place of Miss Helene Martin, who has also left the Colony.

### SELDOM RATTLED

Miss Bell, who has already left school, but who is allowed to play for them until the end of the present season, is a little on the slow

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## "Y" LADIES LACK CONSISTENCY IN CAER CLARKE CUP

### MANY SETBACKS THIS SEASON

(By "STICKS")

PROBABLY the most inconsistent team in the Caer Clark Cup League have been the "Y" Ladies, who came within an ace of winning the League last year, unfortunately losing their best scoring factor two days prior to the vital match against the Central British Association Ladies, the ultimate champions.

The "Y" Ladies have made many changes this season.

Miss J. Weller, who made her first appearance last season after spending some time at Home, fell away badly and her relegation to the junior team was not surprising. On the other hand, Mrs. Stephens (Miss W. George) showed surprising improvement and her promotion was fully justified, as she has given some fine displays this season, using her pads to advantage, although she can still be taught to clear quicker off the goal-line.

Miss Peggy McCaw was prevented from resuming hockey this season under doctor's orders, and took up badminton and tennis instead.

### Mrs. Burke's Return

Mrs. Burke, who used to play for the "Y" when she was Miss Rob Booth, returned to the Colony with her husband and joined up

### Vines Again Beats Perry

New York, Yesterday. — Vines beat Perry 6-4, 5-6, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6, making three wins each in their series of 40 matches.—Reuter.

again, filling the vacancy at right-back with credit. Although a little on the slow side, she positions herself well and is a determined hitter.

Miss Fowler, although she came up into the forward-line on several occasions during the previous season, has not shown much improvement, although she is still the hardest hitter in local ladies' hockey. A great spotter, Miss Fowler could also be the Colony's best back if she curbed her impetuosity and settled down to a restrained game. Her habit of attempting to dribble the ball before clearing is her biggest weakness at the moment, and she would do well to eliminate this fault immediately.

Mrs. Brown turned out for them last season at right-half, but was compelled to give the game a rest this season, and as a result Mrs. Starbuck, a newcomer and one of the two big finds of the season (the other was Mrs. Donald) filled the vacancy. Mrs. Starbuck was

eventually moved to centre-half, Miss Thomson playing at left-half, and Miss J. Lakeman playing on the opposite flank.

### Mrs. Starbuck Excels

Mrs. Starbuck is undoubtedly the best centre-half we have ever seen in ladies' hockey here, and the fact that she received doctor's orders proved one of the biggest blows to the team. Miss Thomson played throughout last season in the pivotal berth with distinction, and was ably supported by Mrs. Henry, who has since gone to Singapore.

Miss Lakeman, from the Central British Schoolgirls' "A" team, is a magnificent spoiler, but her distribution has room for plenty of improvement. A tireless player, she should do very well next season. Another player who has shown amazing improvement is Miss K. Tonge.

After her first season of hockey with the junior team last year, she has been promoted to the first team and in the absence of Mrs. Starbuck is now playing at right-half, with Miss Thomson in the centre and Miss Lakeman on the

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### BENNY LYNCH'S TRIUMPH

### Outpoints Rival For World Title

London, To-day.

Benny Lynch, recognised as holder of the world's flyweight boxing championship, by the British Board of Boxing Control, last night outpointed Small Montana, of the Philippines, recognised by the National Boxing Association of America as the title holder, in their 15-round bout at Wembley Stadium before a crowd of 13,500 spectators.

Lynch, who was previously recognised as the world champion by Great Britain, was the more aggressive boxer throughout and there seemed no end to his stamina.

He won a clean sporting bout by way of a clever straight-left, which gained for him many points, his extra reach being a great advantage in his workman-like methods, which contrasted greatly with the stylish Montana. Montana was a game opponent, but did not take sufficient advantage of his opportunities.

## HONG KONG INVITED TO TOKYO

### OLYMPIC ENTRY SUGGESTED

At the dinner given last night at the Peninsula Hotel by the Hong Kong Hockey Association in team, who won one of the seven games in the Colony, a hearty invitation was extended to the local Association to send a team to the 1940 Olympiad in Tokyo.

Mr. A. A. Dand, chairman of the Hong Kong Hockey Association, presided and during the evening apologised for the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, whom he explained, had contracted a chill.

Among others present were Mr. H. Okamoto of the Japanese Consulate, Mr. K. Numata of the M.R.C., Mr. A. Ashikata, Messrs. F. A. Kemp (Hon. Secretary, H.K.H.A.), G. T. Palmer, J. Gardner, A. Scott and Captain Boxer.

Mr. Dand presented two presents to Mr. Yamada, captain of the tourists, one being from the Colony and the other from the Civilians' team.

Before leaving to join their boat, the S.S. Taiko Maru, the Japanese players gave exhibitions of Japanese dances and sang Japanese national songs.

### BILLIARDS

### STRANGE ENTERS SECOND ROUND

### OSMUND IN GOOD FORM

Displaying a great weakness, throughout the game on his losing hazards, Lim Ho-wah was beaten by C. Strange of the Civil Service Cricket Club by 67 points in the first round of the Junior Section of the Open Billiards Championship at Club Lusitano last night.

The billiards was of a poor standard, the game taking over an hour and a half. Strange, thanks to a break of 24, the highest of the evening, led his opponent early in the game and when he reached 150 was 70 points ahead. Lim struggled on and when C. Strange reached 220, he was only 40 points behind, but Strange then made a break of 21. Lim replied with a 16, breaking down on an easy in-off the red. Lim invariably left something on when he failed with his losing hazards. He was, however, better with his potting of the red and his direct cannons.

### Osmund By Breaks

That A. J. Osmund, the Colony billiards champion, is playing as well as ever is shown by the fact that on the Club Lusitano table he has recently made several breaks of over 100.

In a recent game Osmund scored nearly 400 points in an hour, including breaks of 102, 72 and 108, while on another occasion he made a 170 break.



Miss Peggy McCaw, the former "Y" Ladies' right-back, above, is giving hockey a rest under doctor's orders.

## NO WORD YET FROM SHANGHAI!

### AMAZING SITUATION COLONY TEAM SHOULD BE SELECTED NOW

(By "STICKS")

IN spite of the fact that Reuter's News Agency have cabled down to Hong Kong the names of the Shanghai Ladies' Interport hockey team, the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association have not yet received any word from the Northern Association.

Preparations in Hong Kong have come to a halt because of the lack of confirmation of the visit of the Shanghai team, and yet I learn from a reliable informant who has just passed through the Colony that Hong Kong were to carry on with their preparations UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY WERE NOTIFIED THAT SHANGHAI WERE SENDING A TEAM!

This should be true, may course that was left open to them. make things still more difficult for the local Association, who may be taken unawares, through no fault of their own, by a misunderstanding of the position, as ground reservations, accommodation, advertising and other matters must be completed before the arrival of the visitors. These items cannot, however, be looked after without definite confirmation from the Shanghai L.H.A.

Yesterday, I tried to get into touch with the Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association, but was unable to do so. I learned from another reliable source, however, that "The Association have not yet received a message from Shanghai in spite of Reuter's cabled message containing the names of the Shanghai ladies' team."

Shanghai may, of course, be selecting their team just in case their financial difficulties are overcome, and this appears the only

The Shanghai papers of three or four days ago contained an item of news stating that the Northern Association were lacking \$1,000 in funds, but that the local Japanese Amateur Athletic Association had made a start towards defraying the expenses by a donation of \$50.

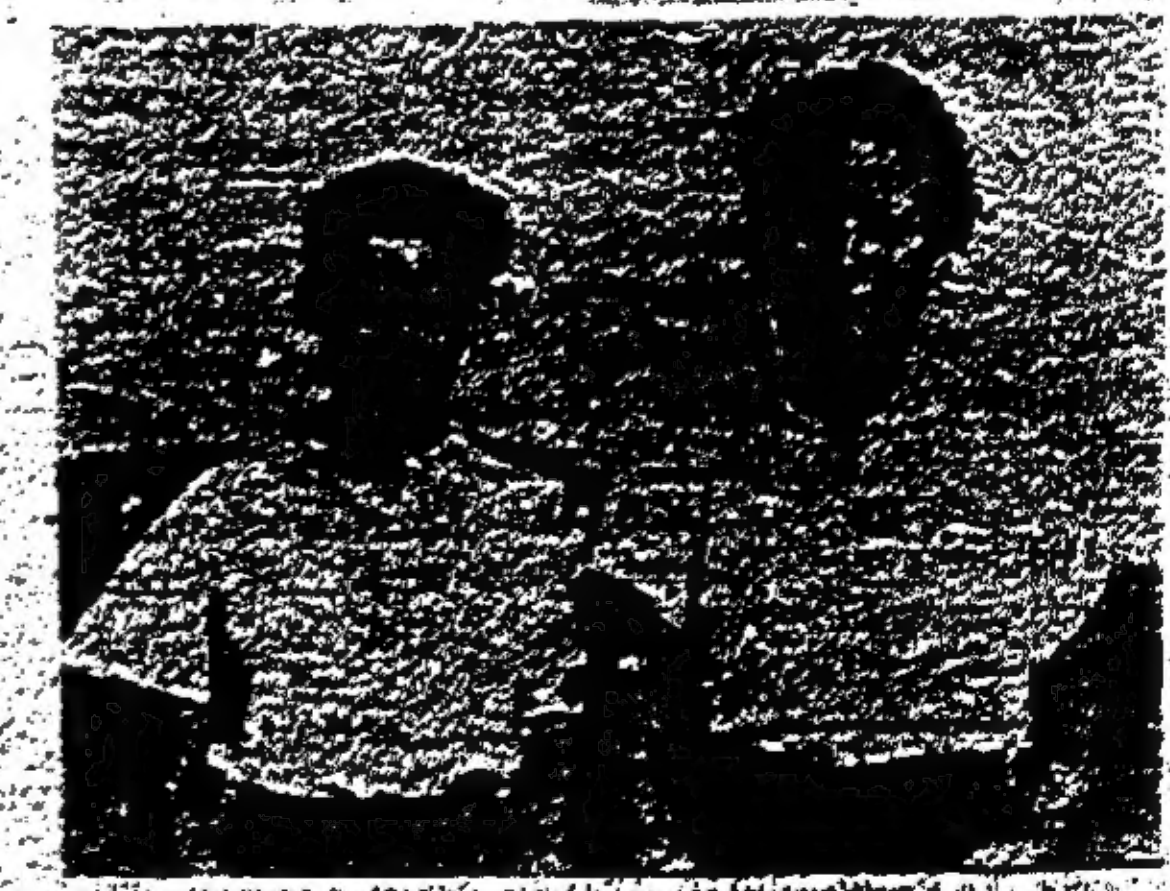
Shanghai is one of the wealthiest cities in the Far East and it should not be terribly difficult for them to raise the required amount. However we are hoping that further confirmation of their visit will be forthcoming within the next few days.

Apart from Shanghai's side, it is about time the Colony team was definitely selected, together with reserves, and several practice matches held.

The team should be selected and an opportunity taken of correcting the minor faults which are noticeable in every team.



(Left) Another pair of sisters who play in the C.B.S. "A" in the Brawn Cup League are the Misses Maureen and Dorothy McCaw, centre-half and centre-forward respectively. The former scored an Interport trial. (Right) Two promising players in Miss M. Bell, left, and Miss M. Shant, right, have been promoted from the C.B.S. "B" to the "A" team, the former being at left-back, while the latter will be seen at inside-left. ("China Mail" photos).





# JUNIOR SHIELD QUARTER-FINALS TO-DAY

## BADMINTON TO-NIGHT

### FREE LANCES TO MEET RECREIO "B"

### MIXED DOUBLES ENCOUNTER

### FUSILIERS FAVOURITES AGAINST S. CHINA

### NAVY EXPECTED TO TRIUMPH OVER RIFLES

### ENGINEERS ALMOST ASSURED OF WIN

The mixed doubles badminton fixture between the Free Lances and Club de Recreio "B", which was postponed on December 18 last, has been arranged to be played off this evening at King's Park. With the exception of the Chinese Recreation Club, these two combinations are strong contenders for the runners-up position in the League, and as such to-night's match will be keenly contested.

At present the Free Lances are running second in the League. Of five games played they have won four, whereas Recreio "B" have lost two in a similar number of matches. The Chinese Recreation Club, on the other hand, have not lost a single match since the start of the season. They beat Recreio "B" by nine clear games on a previous occasion at Causeway Bay.

It is not certain whether E. L. H. Shute will be able to play to-night. If he does not, his place is likely to be filled by his son, Kenneth, who will be in partnership with Mrs. Shute.

The absence of E. L. H. Shute will, however, not lessen the Free Lances' prospects of beating Recreio "B", as J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths should, undoubtedly, be unbeaten.

#### "Y" LADIES LACK CONSISTENCY IN CAER CLARKE CUP

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left. Miss Tange has been a willing "student" and I am sure that Mr. G. T. Palmer, the team coach, will agree with me that she thoroughly deserves her promotion.

There was only one actual change in the "Y" Ladies' attack. They lost an excellent inside-left in Miss Joyce Adey, but were very fortunate to secure the services of Miss Marie Smith, the Interport right-winger, who left the C.B.A. Ladies' team at the beginning of this season.

#### Brilliant Attack

The "Y" attack is probably the most penetrative in the Colony. All five of their forwards are fast and have shown excellent form to date and, backed up by an admirable defence, there is no reason why they should not record their first win in the Caer Clarke Cup League this season, in spite of the fact they lost the Pearce Cup Seven-a-Side Tournament.

Miss O. Dalziel and Miss S. Dalziel, the right-wing partnership, have shown very fine form this season, while Mrs. M. Read is still one of the hardest working leaders. Although lacking polish, she is invariably on the spot to score goals.

Miss Smith was immediately included at inside-left and has maintained her fine promise of two years ago. Together with Miss Westcott, who is the fastest winger in the Colony and a very much improved player, the two of them constitute quite as big a danger as the right-



Spr. Howlett, the inside-left of the Royal Engineers, above, will be making a reappearance for them against the Chinese Police in the Third Round of the Junior Shield to-day. ("China Mail" photo).

#### PONY SHOT AFTER ACCIDENT BREAKS LEG IN TRAINING

(By "RAPID")

A somewhat solemn racing tragedy was witnessed at the Valley this morning, when an Australian pony of the current season, belonging to Mrs. W. T. Stanton, had to be destroyed.

The pony was entered under the name of "Phil," and it was taken out by Mr. W. T. Stanton for a trial spin.

In the company of Roofly, another Australian pony, which was being ridden by Mr. W. H. S. Davis, Phil appeared to stumble after passing the Two Mile distance post—practically the same spot at what Dr. "Lew" Reidy's Season Ticket was destroyed a few years ago—and Mr. Stanton had to dismount. Major F. Hogg appeared shortly afterwards and an examination revealed an injury of such a serious nature—breaking of a bone—which left him no alternative but to order destruction.

UNFORTUNATE DELAY

The incident occurred at precisely ten minutes to seven, and it was indeed unfortunate that the process of destruction could not be accomplished until 7.45 a.m., an interval of fully fifty five minutes. The delay was caused by the fact that a truck had to be sent for from the Jockey Club Stables nearby, but with so many ponies in training when accidents of this description are possible, the necessary equipment might be made available on the spot.

The pony had to remain standing on the track for fully three quarters of an hour before a bullet put an end to its suffering.

wing partnership.

At the moment of writing the "Y" Ladies have played six matches, won 4 and drawn 2, being unbeaten, while their strongest rivals are the H. K. Ladies, who have played 5, won 4 and lost 1, at the hands of the "Y" Ladies, but as they have improved the "home stretch" should provide a thrilling struggle.

#### Fanling Hunt And Race Club Programme

The following is the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's programme for the Chinese New Year Meeting, to be held at Kwantl February 14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31.

1.—2.45 p.m.—The Jockeys' Cup. Over the Country Course finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies that in the opinion of the Committee have been regularly hunted by their owners. To be ridden by owners. Catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a cup presented by Mrs. Stanton; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry fee \$2.

2.—The Hunters' Hurdle. One mile. For China Ponies that in the opinion of the Committee are bona fide hunters. Winners of any race at Kwantl this season barred. Weight 168 lbs. Ponies that have started in a hurdle race or steeplechase this season 5 lbs. penalty. Winner a cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry fee \$2.

3.—The Fanling Grand National & Pierce Grove Memorial Cup. 1 1/2 miles. A handicap steeplechase for China Ponies. Winner to hold for one year the Challenge Cup with re-

4.—The Lo Wu Handicap. 1 1/4 miles. A hurdle race for China Ponies. Winners of a hurdle race or steeplechase this or last season barred. Winner a cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry fee \$2.

5.—The Diana Cup. Over the Country Course finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies. Winners at Kwantl this season barred. Catchweight 168 lbs. To be ridden by Ladies. Winner a cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry fee \$2.

6.—The Melbourne Cup. Over the Country Course finishing on the Race Course. For Australian Ponies. Catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry fee \$2.

7.—The Fanling Grand National & Pierce Grove Memorial Cup. 1 1/2 miles. A handicap steeplechase for China Ponies. Winner to hold for one year the Challenge Cup with re-

THE quarter finals of the Junior Shield football competition, which will be played this afternoon, should produce some interesting and well-contested games, the match between the Fusiliers and South China, at Sookumpoo, providing the highlight.

Both these teams have already met twice in the League and have each won once, but the Fusiliers will start favourites in view of the fact that they are fielding their regular team. Saunders, in goal, is playing extremely well at present, while Vale and Grindley are one of the best pair of backs in junior football. Their understanding is good, while the positional play of the latter has been commented upon by many who have seen him play.

The intermediate line of the Fusiliers, which includes Morgan, Cresty and Jones, are a hard working trio. Cresty, in the pivotal position, has a height advantage and tackles well, but he is inclined to hang too far back when his side is attacking.

The forward line did not reveal their best form last week—the inside forwards were slow in shooting. Grindley will be well watched, but Bumster and Dennis should be able to give the Chinese goalkeeper some anxious moments.

The Navy, leaders of the Second Division, will meet the Rifles and, as their team is composed mostly of the players who did so well against South China in the Kowloon Cup on Sunday, they stand an excellent chance of reaching the semi-final.

Ritchie's display last Monday proves that the Navy have a worthy successor to Cocker. His anticipation is good and his handling is safe.

Tozer, a newcomer, and Harkin are the two backs. Tozer gave a good exhibition in his first game and was prominent with his clearances and first-time tackling. Hutebry will be filling the pivotal position and Boyd, the Rifles centre-forward, will have a hard time against him.

The Navy's forward line include Le Part, a former Senior Division player, and Finney, at inside right. Whalin, a newcomer, will lead the line, while Spencer, who is playing well now, will be at inside-left, with Pepperell on the left wing.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

### HONG KONG'S INTERPORT FOOTBALL TEAM

#### SUGGESTED XI TO MEET SHANGHAI

(To The Editor, "China Mail")

Sir,—May I suggest to the Interport Selection Committee my opinion as to the strongest Hong Kong football team:—Rowlands (Fusiliers) goal; Lee Tin-sang (South China) and A. V. Gosano (Recreio) backs; Campbell (Rifles), Beltrao (Recreio) and Bliss (Kowloon) halves; Yeung Shui-ying (South China), Fung King-cheung (South China), Lee Wai-tung (South China), Wilson (Club) and Bickford (Club) forwards.

In the above there are three men from the champions, South China "A", one each from the present League leaders, Royal Ulster Rifles, Royal Welch Fusiliers and South China "B", making six as the nucleus, to which are added two from the Club, two from Recreio and one from Kowloon. If we substitute Leung Wing-chi (South China) for Campbell and move the latter to centre-half and also substitute Leopold (St. Joseph's) for Fung King-cheung, it would not weaken the team. Nor would the substitution of Taylor (Fusiliers) for Bliss.

Scores.

#### GAME INTRODUCED IN 1925? SURREY LINK BROKEN

(Continued from Page 1)

settled in the Colony, rarely complete their education at the C.R.S. but at the end of four or five years usually move off to some other part of the world or are sent to England to complete their studies.

One can therefore well appreciate the difficulties of the master in charge of cricket. He may have spent a lot of time on a boy, showing an aptitude for the game, and after a good deal of coaching, the boy then leaves. This, in my opinion, is the chief reason why the C.R.S. is very rarely able to field an eleven superior to schools like Queen's and Diocesan, whose pupils come, with very few exceptions, are in the Colony.

Naturally the loss of two cric-

eters such as these has seriously affected the strength of the C.R.S. cricket eleven this season, but they are not daunted and are in the process of building up what should be a very good side with a little more experience.

#### Three Colours Remain

Only three of last year's colours remain. They are D.E. Street, D. O. Parsons and C. Hoggood.

Street has been elected captain and Parsons vice-captain, and these two are giving every promise that they will, in a short while, perform as many prodigious feats on the cricket field as their predecessors, Holden and Baxter.

Only one colour has so far been awarded this season, the recipient being N. J. Booker, a most promising opening bat.

Street is a very useful, right-handed medium bowler who is a most consistent performer. Hoggood is a fast to medium bowler who usually opens with Street and Parsons is a very promising wicket-keeper.

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### WHITHER BRITAIN?

The welding of ties between Berlin and Rome marks the beginning of a process of consolidation in Europe, says Signor Mussolini, and he again throws out, between the lines, an invitation to a triangular collaboration, with Britain as the third party.

Not that the British Government will choose to read it as such. The Baldwin Ministry has declared repeatedly and with almost unanimous public approval, that it will have nothing to do with either Fascism or Communism. With equal emphasis it rejects a policy of isolation as impossible, and with that ruled out, Britain's choice is becoming less and less academic and more and more real.

Recent events surely furnish abundant evidence that there is a Fascist international as surely as there is a Communist international. More surely, in fact, because communism is governmental only in Russia, while that form of government which is called Fascism or Nazism is the official system of several Continental countries, two of which have contributed to their differing ways to reducing Mr. Anthony Eden, figuratively speaking, to a state of nervous "jitters."

An answer to the question, "Whither Britain?" can no longer be based on the simple assumption that Fascism or Nazism is purely a domestic affair of the countries which practice this form of government, and with which Britain need have no concern in its international dealings. Neither is there any further stress on talk about collective security. The League of Nations does not touch the reality of the new situation.

When Britain says she will have nothing to do with dictatorial systems, it is coming more and more to mean that she cannot deal effectively with those systems.

The Fascist bloc in Europe, to prevent which Britain and France formulated their policy of non-intervention in the Spanish civil war, is already a reality and has added unto itself Japan as an ally against Communism. Britain almost fears being asked to join the three in a four-power pact against the Soviet and Communism.

Communism is less awkward than Fascism only because it is confined to one country in Eastern Europe, instead of spreading itself through Middle Europe and into the Spanish peninsula. Even so, Communism is bad enough, from the Foreign Office point of view, because it is the system of France's ally, and so contains the seeds of future dangers. When the pact between France and the Soviet was first proposed, Sir John Simon, then Foreign Minister, said that Britain, while in no way committed thereby, gave the arrangement her blessing.

It was a real enough blessing during the series of reactionary Paris Cabinets. But British anxiety on this score has materially increased, now that France has a government which is more akin to the Soviet regime. Of course, the Anglo-French entente must and will continue, because of geographical and military considerations. But it is no longer a particularly happy partnership.

One answer to the question of where Britain should go for her real international affiliation

# HOLDING THE POPULAR FRONT IN LINE

By  
P. J.  
Philip

OUT of Spain's civil war has sprung an ominous threat to international peace. Half of Europe has taken sides, however, much all may protest their intention not to intervene.

English opinion is divided. Communism is disliked there; so is anarchy; so is the disturbance of business. Most Englishmen are inclined to argue that fascism of either the Italian or the German form is better than Russian or any other kind of communism. But the rearmament of Europe is an equally unpleasant matter for thought.

Fortunately for Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Eden there is little public sidetaking—far less than there was over Ethiopia. Disgust with both parties in Spain is perhaps responsible. So they can wait for others to make mistakes.

### French Clamour For Aid

In France it is different. Opinion here is far more clamorous, far more insistent. "Airmen for Spain—action by Blum" was the refrain which masses of people shouted as they marched through the streets of Paris in tribute to the memory of Roger Salengro. Even within the Cabinet there are elements which keep pressing for intervention; for France to throw her hat into the ring on the side of what is called liberalism and democracy.

Only those who, if any other government than Blum's were in power, would be calling for stern notes and menaces to Berlin and Rome are hesitant and keep preaching non-intervention. They have discovered that they are anti-Bolshevik first and only anti-German afterward.

### Either Course Wrong

Mr. Baldwin can do almost anything he likes so long as he does not allow the British flag to be trampled on. M. Blum is in this quandary: that almost anything he does will be found wrong, both by a section of his supporters and by all of his opponents.

Braided in spirit by the suicide of his friend Salengro; harassed by internal difficulties which seem to keep surging up like waves, however actively he piles his broom; opposed bitterly by those

on both wings who refuse to put of the Socialists twenty years ago the interest of France before their because he believed that the day private quarrels and doctrines, his of that regime was over, that it task of keeping the peace and in no longer gave justice to the mass surging it is ten times more difficult of men, because it seemed to him cult than that of those others who inept and inefficient. Something are playing this enormous game in his tidy mind rejected it because of bluff with Barcelona as its cause, he reasoned, it had made a centre, disregarding of whether world of inequality, of extreme war may come. And perhaps on luxury and extreme poverty, of him more than on any of these class distrust and hatred, of national and international insecurity. can be avoided.

### M. Blum's Personality

In a portrait gallery of contemporaries the face and figure of Leon Blum might pass for insignificant. He has none of the commanding aspect of Mussolini or Stalin and does not go in for the pageantry of Hitler. His long, lean legs, his out-thrown feet and his wide-brimmed black felt hat of somewhat Latin Quarter fashion are good cartoon material. The drooping corners of his moustache give him an air of melancholy; his eyeglasses, which are always precariously perched on his long, straight nose, contribute a suggestion of awkwardness.

Any one seeing him for the first time and noting casually the fineness of his features would set him down as a scholarly man, somewhat of a dreamer, who would be likely to be hesitant and unreliable in emergency. And such, during most of his twenty years in French politics, was his reputation, at least, among his opponents. But even they respected him and admired the clarity and precision of his thinking and public speech.

### Poincare's Tribute

When, having been beaten at an election, Blum returned to Parliament after a two years' absence, Poincare, who was then Premier, halted the speech he was making to turn toward him and welcome him back. It was, as it is so often, a time of crisis in the Chamber, and although Blum's return had been at the expense of one of Poincare's own Nationalist supporters he paid this generous compliment: "This house needs minds like yours and men like you."

It was the tribute of one honest man to another. They might differ in doctrine, for Poincare was one of the last great defenders in France of the bourgeois regime. He believed in it, in the middle classes from which he had sprung, in the virtue of accumulated wealth and of the laws protecting wealth.

### Twenty Years A Socialist

BLUM is just as "middle class" in his origins as his prements under government control, begun the reorganisation of

## A LITTLE TRIP IN MOONSHINE

I notice in "The Daily Telegraph" that a new and interesting society has been formed to stimulate public interest in interplanetary travel and promote research in connection with it.

At the inaugural meeting the Director of Research, Mr. J. H. Edwards, said that a trip to the moon was now only a question of money. The public may therefore be led to suppose that the tourist agencies will soon be able to announce a novel form of cruising—perhaps a little expensive at first, but still possible for well-to-do travellers and those with time on their hands.

It was suggested two years ago by General Smuts when he said that in case of emergency Great Britain and the United States must "march together." That remark was provoked by Japan's parting company with the American and British democracies when she denounced the Washington naval treaty.

To-day there is an ever-growing body of feeling among Britons that an Anglo-American marching together should begin. And what is more, a reader tendency by more and more Americans to respond.

Those, however, who think that Jules Verne's fiction may soon be commonplace narrative would do well to note a few difficulties which have to be overcome. One of the chief of these might be to secure a regular return service and get back again to our comfortable old earth.

A further difficulty might be that of steering a rocket by those on board to make a desired landing. The sportsman has to aim in front of the bird to hit it, and the anti-aircraft gun is provided with elaborate appliances for aiming at the moving enemy. But planets are moving at the rate of 20 to 50 miles a second; even our nearest neighbour the moon is travelling in its orbit at nearly 2,000 miles an hour. The earth itself revolves and a point on the Equator is moving round at 1,000 miles an hour.

Hence, unless the rocket can be steered, it would be something like a sportsman firing from a moving roundabout at a flying sparrow in the endeavour to hit it.

Above The Stratosphere  
The difficulty of travelling through a vacuum space would have to be considered. Even the ascent of Mount Everest six miles high has yet not been achieved. The ascent of an aeroplane into the stratosphere to a height

nine or 10 miles requires an airtight dress into which oxygen to breathe can be delivered. Above the stratosphere there is a region of our atmosphere impregnated with ozone and electric particles, possibly very hot, and above that the traveller would be exposed to the bombardment of the cosmic rays, which can pass through many feet of metallic lead, and penetrate any flying dress—without results no one knows.

Even supposing a safe landing made on some lunar garage, since air and water do not exist on the moon accommodation for the night might be difficult, and even the refreshment of a cup of tea not obtainable. The contents of the traveller's vacuum flask would burst into vapour and disappear owing to the low pressure.

Altogether it will be seen that the new society has plenty of work in front of it before it can fix the dates for the various excursions to the heavenly bodies and guarantee a safe return to old Mother Earth by those who take them.

Bearing in mind the triumphs of technical invention in the last half century there are few things one would dare to call impossible, but home and abroad when they look at the inter-planetary travel calls for the office, and has done so again several times, that if they tried it they would be met by even greater violence. But he will not begin it.



M. Blum, who navigates a rough political sea.

the army and air force so as to increase their efficiency, and passed in all over sixty laws, many of which were of almost revolutionary importance.

### Better Plan For Human Life

PROBABLY no one has been more surprised than Blum at the success which he has had. "Our problem," he said, "is to find out if it is possible in the present social order to prepare men's minds and the course of events for passage to a better organisation of human life. We will not ruin but also we cannot cure and save this bourgeois society. Its ruin is already real enough, for that regime is ruined which is in contradiction with human intelligence and morality."

That condemnation of the existing order was uttered over five months ago and Blum has in no way changed his position. He is still a Socialist; preparing, he insists peacefully and in friendly fashion, to mould this world, or his country at least, nearer to his heart's desire.

### M. Blum's Views On Fascism

In his secret mind the French Premier is among those who hope and believe that democracy must win and without war. As a student of history and human evolution he believes that finally the attempted totalitarian States must break down because they are not founded on the broad basis of popular support but depend on the authority of single men.

And it gives him satisfaction to think that one of the most curious features of the Fascist movement is that it is a kind of growth of democracy. His fellow-Premiers—Mussolini and Hitler and Stalin—are men of more humble origin than he and, although he does not insist on it, of less education. The systems of which they are the heads are less systems, except perhaps in Russia, than phenomena born of the hasty effort to reach order after the chaos which resulted from the collapse of all the old systems at the end of the war.

They are in his opinion stages of evolution without any deep root, destined to perish with the men who have led them. In France he is building differently, believing that, even if he dies or disappears, the movement of the organisation of life for greater justice toward all men will continue.

### A Human Idealist

Perhaps he is an idealist, but he is a very human idealist and a very clever one. It took him nearly forty years of preparation, of which twenty were spent in Parliament, to reach the point at which he could put some of his idealism into practice. And although he has worked fast he has avoided being extreme. He knows that men cannot be rushed into new ways of thinking and doing too fast; that it is better to build slowly and solidly than to seek to convert a whole system overnight.

If he needed an example to prove the wisdom of his case he has certainly had it in these last months in Spain. It was the attempt to rush matters there that begot violence, and violence is begotten by violence. Blum is anxious to avoid all what Blum is anxious to avoid. He is not afraid of it. He has warned his opponents, both at home and abroad, when he took inter-planetary travel calls for the office, and has done so again several times, that if they tried it they would be met by even greater violence. But he will not begin it.



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## THE POPE

Vatican City, To-day.  
The Pope is suffering from increased pain in his legs and will only be allowed to sit in a armchair for a short time during the morning.—Reuter.

## MAN DIES IN FIRE

### BONHAM STRAND OUTBREAK

A visitor from Canton died in a fire, which starting in the cockpit of the first floor of No. 125, Bonham Strand east, broke out at about 3.30 o'clock this morning. Within a few minutes, the floor and the one above were in flames which could be seen for some distance around.

The building which is occupied by the Tai Yau ratten store is a three-storeyed building. The ground floor is used as the shop, the first as a store-room and the upper floor as a residence for the employers.

Three engines from Central, under Acting Superintendent J. C. FitzHenry and Station Officers Brown and Smith, were used to combat the fire. Another engine from Wanchai was also present. The first and second floors were burnt out, but the ground floor and the contents were only damaged by water.

The building is of the old Chinese tenement type though the staircase had been recently rebuilt of concrete.

Wong Kai, aged 35, a shop fook from Canton, who was temporarily residing on the first floor, was burnt to death.

The fire brigade did not return to Station till 6 o'clock this morning.

## LIBEL ACTION IN COURT

### Accusations Against Canton Leader

Claiming damages for \$1,000 against Khuk King-mui, Tong Kuk-chuen, Pui Chi-ching and Lam Chung-lin, the proprietor, publisher, editor and printer of the "Keng Po" newspaper, respectively, Chau Kung-mau, a member of the Chinese Military Affairs Council in Canton, was awarded \$700, with costs, by Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden at the Summary Court this morning.

Plaintiff was represented by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, while H. B. da Botelho appeared on behalf of the first three defendants, and Mr. S. Ng Quinn on behalf of the fourth defendant.

The claim arose out of an article published in the "Keng Po" a fortnightly Chinese publication, which alleged that plaintiff entrusted with a sum of \$20,000 to carry out certain instructions, but used the money for his own personal benefit.

Awarding plaintiff judgment, Mr. Justice Hayden stated that he would have awarded the full amount but in view of the fact that defendants made an apology, which was given greater publicity than the libellous article, he would award plaintiff \$700 with costs.

## REVENUE STAMP PROSECUTIONS

Luk Yam-tong, of No. 168, Queen's Road Central, and Su Kwai-hing, of the National Shirt Manufacturing Company, were this morning fined \$25 by Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistrate's Court on pleading guilty to issuing receipts without the proper revenue stamps.

Wong Man-chi, a school mistress at No. 192 Queen's Road East, was fined \$2 for issuing a school fee receipt for \$30 without it being properly stamped. Defendant said fees were generally paid half yearly. In this case the whole amount was paid at once.

For half yearly receipts of \$15 revenue stamps were not necessary and she had overlooked this in this case.

## COUP COMPLETE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES

### THREE MEN CARRY PISTOLS

One of the most daring armed robberies for years, in which the gang escaped with a large amount of valuable jewellery, took place at 6.45 p.m. yesterday at the Chung Wo Goldsmith, No. 243, Shanghai Street, one of the most busy centres in Kowloon.

A party of robbers, said to number five men, arrived in a car alighting at the corner of Nathan Road, near Market Square.

From there they went to the shop on foot, three men entering the shop with pointing pistols while the others stood on watch outside.

In fifteen minutes they had made their haul and escaped with a sum of about \$500 in cash and jewellery of an approximate value of \$10,000.

Police were attracted by the sound of police whistles, but the gang had not clear away. A large party of police arrived to investigate, including Mr. Sparrow, A.S.P., Det. Insp. Elston, and Insp. Cunningham.

So far no arrests have been made.

## SPANISH GOLD

### Sharp Passages At London Meeting

London, To-day.

A sharp passage of arms took place at Monday's session of the Non-Intervention Committee, according to the diplomatic correspondents of both the "News Chronicle" and the "Daily Herald".

When the question of Spanish gold was brought up for discussion, Lord Plymouth proposed that the Committee should at first examine its competence to deal with this matter and then, perhaps, clear up the question of who were the rightful owners of the gold.

These proposals were seconded by the German and Italian representatives. The Soviet representative objected strongly with matters being dealt with at all by the Non-Intervention Committee and expressed astonishment that Lord Plymouth could doubt the competence and sovereignty of the Spanish Government.—Trans-Ocean.

## BARCELONA UNDER BOMBARDMENT

### HEAVY SHELLING FROM SEA

### CRUISER THOUGHT RESPONSIBLE

Paris, To-day.

An insurgent warship, which is believed to have been the cruiser "Canarias" bombarded Barcelona early yesterday morning, according to a report which states that the warship appears to have stood off some 25 kilometres from the coast and opened fire at about 1.30 a.m.

Some thirty shells were fired in as many minutes. The coast batteries replied without effect.

Half an hour later, the warship reappeared, but did not resume the bombardment. A good deal of damage was done in the Catalan capital by the shelling.—Trans-Ocean.

## HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.—In the Third Division, Northern section, of the English Football League, Southport were held at home by Darlington, to a goalless draw.—Reuter.

## TEAR-GAS USED IN AMERICAN STRIKE RIOT

### POLICE CHARGE PICKETS

Detroit, To-day.

Breakdown of peace efforts in the motor strike have led to the development of serious disturbances and violence.

A fresh outbreak of serious rioting, in which tear-gas bombs were employed by the police, occurred outside the Briggs Motor Body Manufacturing Company.

Fighting began when two thousand pickets formed themselves into a huge loop and two abreast continually trotted past the employees' entrance, successfully preventing any of the workers from entering.

The police issued a warning and eventually brought tear-gas into play, afterwards charging the pickets with a vigorous wielding of batons.

### FACTORY CLOSED

Nevertheless, the pickets have succeeded in closing the Briggs' factory.

The rioters including some of the workers from the Briggs' plant, reinforced by sympathisers from other works. The Briggs concern is not connected with General Motors, which indicates that the strike is spreading.—Reuter.

Later: The Briggs factory will re-open on Wednesday. The strike there has been settled. All employees recently discharged will be re-employed.

### WASHINGTON DEADLOCK

Meanwhile, in Washington, the Governor of Michigan, Mr. Frank Murphy, has been conferring with Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of the Labour Department, and Mr. John Lewis, the union leader, in an attempt to find a new formula as a basis for resumption of negotiations between the General Motors Corporation and the United Automobile Workers Union.

For the present, the situation remains at a deadlock.—Reuter.

## RUSSIAN PLAN APPROVED

### Control System For Spain

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden, after commenting in the House of Commons on the replies to the latest British initiative of the Portuguese and Russian governments, which he found generally satisfactory, said he was led to expect the German and Italian replies within the next few days.

Russia had suggested, and Mr. Eden thought other governments agreed with them, that the scheme of control must be such as could, if necessary, be applied without the consent of the two parties in Spain.

Alluding to the immense amount of technical work done to produce the scheme of control, the Foreign Secretary paid a tribute to the Chairman of the Non-Intervention Committee.—British Wireless.

## BUKHARIN UNDER ARREST

### Anti-Stalin Alliances Alleged

Moscow, To-day.

Nicolas Bukharin, Editor-in-Chief of "Izvestia," commonly referred to as "the great theoretician of Communism," has been formally suspended and taken into custody pending further investigations, according to a despatch given prominence in this evening's "Anglo-Press".

As Bukharin was the intimate friend of Carl Radek, it is surmised in Moscow Party circles, says "Anglo-Press," that the new com- cluded examination of Radek has brought to light incriminating evidence against Bukharin.—Trans-Ocean.

## EFFORT TO KEEP GOVERNOR

The Committees of the China Association (Hong Kong Branch), the Hong Kong General of Commerce, representatives of the Chinese community, and all the Unofficial Members of both Councils held a meeting at the offices of the General Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday evening at which it was decided to make representations, by cable, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, through the China Association, London, for the retention of H. E. Sir Andrew Caldecott as Governor of Hong Kong.

## A UNIFIED REICH

### REICHSTAG STORY DENIED

### HITLER SPEECH PREDICTION

Berlin, To-day.

Reuter is authoritatively informed that there is no truth in reports recently published suggesting that the Reichstag is to be abolished.

The Chancellor, Herr Hitler, is at present staying at his country home in Berchtesgaden, preparing the speech which he will deliver to the Reichstag at the special meeting called for January 30, the fourth anniversary of his assumption of the Chancellorship.

It is understood that the address will refer principally to domestic affairs.

The Fuehrer is expected to announce the imminence of new laws in furtherance of his plan for welding the Reich into a unit whole, including, in the first place, a law making all Federal and State servants, and another law relating to the administration of certain North-Western States like Hamburg and Oldenburg.—Reuter.

## BOMB ATTACK ON WARSHIP

### French Navy Given Defence Order

Paris, To-day.

As a result of the attack on the French destroyer, Maille Breze, on Monday off Cape St. Sebastian, by an unknown aeroplane, which dropped five bombs without, however, scoring a hit, the French War Ministry has ordered all French warships in Spanish waters to be at all times prepared to resist immediately any attack directed unquestionably at them.

An investigation is being carried on to ascertain the identity of the aeroplane which attempted to bomb the torpedoboot—Trans-Ocean.

## ITALY NOT TO ATTEND LEAGUE MEETING

Rome, To-day.—Italy will not send a delegation to the forthcoming Session of the League of Nations Council, according to reports from informed circles here.—Trans-Ocean.

## OUTSTANDING RECORD: OVER 320 M.P.H. ACROSS U.S.

Newark, N.J., To-day.

Howard Hughes, the well-known film producer, flying his own monoplane, has established a new Transcontinental record, flying to Newark from Los Angeles in 7½ hours.

A speed during the flight of 370 miles an hour is claimed. The total distance is 2,420 miles, giving an average speed of over 320 m.p.h.

The previous record for this flight and distance, namely, nine and a half hours, was also set up by Hughes, last year.—Reuter.

## STILL HOPING FOR PEACE IN SHENSI CRISIS

Shanghai, To-day.  
Indicating that hope of a peaceful settlement have not yet been abandoned, the Finance Minister, Dr. H. H. Kung telegraphed to General Yang Hu-cheng to-day urging him to re-state his case in more reasonable terms.  
Kung also telegraphed General Fu Tso-yi, Governor of Suiyuan, asking his attitude towards Yang's demands for virtual autonomy of Kansu and Shensi, as they would closely affect the neighbouring province.  
With an anti-Japanese area to the west and Hopei and Chahar under Japanese influence to the east, Suiyuan's position would be extremely difficult.—Reuter.

## SKIRMISHES ON BORDER

Canton, To-day.  
Minor skirmishes occurred between Government forces in Shensi and the rebels, at Chisui to the west of Tungkuang yesterday.

It is stated, however, that the Government will not order a general offensive unless it becomes absolutely necessary, though General Kuo Chu-tung, who has been unable to take up his post as Director of Sian Headquarters has organised the Government troops for swift movement the rebels in the last two days.

## HUANG MU-CHUNG SERIOUSLY ILL

### Kwangtung Chairman On Sick Leave

Canton, To-day.

General Huang Mu-chung, chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government is seriously ill, according to report emanating from official circles here.

General Huang is suffering from lung inflammation and is under medical attention by a well-known local German physician. His condition slightly improved after two injections yesterday, but his heart shows signs of weakness.

It is understood that the General has been on sick leave for several days and that his official duties are being temporarily executed by Mr. Shum Hsueh-lu, his chief secretary.—Union News.

## RICE FAMINE IN KWANGTUNG

### Enough In Canton For 15 Days

Canton, To-day.

The severe shortage of rice in Kwangtung is causing much trouble throughout the province.

Generals Huang Mo-sung and Yu Hon-mow have again appealed to the Central Government for exemption from levies on rice imported from Annam and Siam.

The rice merchants of Canton state that present stocks in the city are enough for only 15 days.

Villagers from the suburbs are pouring into the city, begging food. Their number is said to be from six to seven thousand.—Our Own Correspondent.

## THE ANTI-TROTSKY "PURGE"

### Another Arrest In Moscow

Moscow, To-day.

The trial of the former editor-in-chief of the prominent Russian paper, "Izvestia," M. Radek, and the former Deputy Commissar of Heavy Industry, M. Piatovko, and the other persons arrested in connection with the Trotsky conspiracy, will probably begin in February.

The exact date will be announced within the next few days, according to well-informed circles here. It is also reported that the Washington correspondent of "Izvestia," Mr. Konn, who is at present in Russia, has been arrested.—Trans-Ocean.

## GEORGE V. MEMORIAL

London, To-day.

The King will unveil a Memorial to his father, King George V at Windsor on April 23, Saint George's Day.—British Wireless.

## Duke Of Gloucester To Aid King

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively stated that the Duke of Gloucester is relinquishing his army career in order to assist the King in the various official functions and engagements.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will take up their residence at York House, which will be their town-house, about the end of March.—Reuter.

## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

So Sui, aged 27, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to his eyes, caused when acid was thrown into them by an unknown Chinese at the Sze Yat Wharf.

A Chinese lad, Cheung Po, aged 9, was admitted to the G.C.H. after being knocked down by a motor car, in Queen's Road West yesterday.

An unknown Chinese, aged about 70, died in the Kowloon Hospital yesterday soon after admission with a fractured skull, received when he fell into a nullah in Kowloon Tong.

A boiler maker, Chan Wan, was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to the head. He fell into No. 3 dry dock at the Kowloon Docks.

Two men, one of whom has since been arrested, entered a hut in Lockhart Road early this morning and from the occupier took \$103 which she had in her possession. The hut is used as a second-hand furniture store with an open doorway.

It is understood that troops drawn from the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers are to proceed in one of H. M. Ships to Hong Kong in March, for the purposes of training.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu at noon on January 26 (Tuesday).

The next fortnightly dance of the Royal Engineers Old Comrades Association will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, January 23, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Music will be provided by the 1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles.

Two cases of Small-pox with one death, eleven cases of Diphtheria with nine deaths, thirteen cases of Typhoid with six deaths (two imported), one case of Meningitis and 85 deaths from Tuberculosis, were reported to the local Health authorities last week. On Monday three cases of Small-pox and one case of Diphtheria were also reported.

An address on "Engineering Development in China" was given by Professor C. A. Middleton Smith at the Hong Kong Rotary Club meeting yesterday, when reference was made by the President to the impending departure of the Governor.

The engagement was announced early this month in London, of Mr. James Gilbert Findlay, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Findlay, of 16, Wood Vale, London, N.10, and Miss Mary Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Massey of Shanghai.

Under the title of "A friendly chat with our listeners," Mr. P. M. Hodgson spoke over the air last night on some of Z.B.W.'s problems in entertaining the public.

The Prizegiving of the Essay Competition organised by the local League of Nations and Peace Societies will take place in the Hall of St. Joseph College, Kennedy Road at 4.30 on Tuesday next. Sir Robert Ho Tung is presenting the prizes. There were 77 entries from 12 schools.

The B.I. at Shiraz will leave for Aden, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka on Thursday at 5 p.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Ebnan left Singapore for Hong Kong yesterday at 6 a.m. and is due here on the 24th inst. at about 2 a.m.

## BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER LEAGUE GAMES

### Garrison Sergeants Still On Top

### CAIRNS HAS BAD LUCK

The McEwan Younger Billiards and Snooker League, which should have finished on the 15th January, has been delayed owing to fixtures not being completed. This is due to Army teams being away for their annual training at camp. The Fusiliers, however, are back and are steadily completing their back fixtures.

The Garrison Sergeants' Mess still remain at the head of the League Table, with a good lead over their nearest rivals.

At Bowen Road, Mr. Cairns, the H.K.S.B. player, had very bad luck in not beating the record broke down on a very difficult shot, which, if he had scored, would have assured him of a much longer run.

The Rifles are still at camp and will not be back until February.

### Detailed scores are as follows:

R.A.M.C. 3		H.K.S. (R.A.) 2	
Kingsford	61	Cairns	150
Dunford	411	Boach	150
Harris	36	Barman	33
Castell	40	Parker	36
Outway	60	Siddell	27
H.K.S. (R.A.) 1		G.S.M. 4	
Parker	33	Andrews	151
Grant	29	Smith	53
Cairns	150	Russell	144
John	23	O'Connor	60
Barman	17	Bowler	65
R.W.F. 5		R.A. (H.Q.) 0	
Freman	150	Earle	46
Grindley	150	Trevor	121
Chesham	62	Brogan	23
Beard	65	Alcock	18
Sollis	70	Martin	21

## League Table To Date

	P.	F.	A.	Pts.
G.S.M.	10	33	17	32
R.A. (L.)	8	25	15	25
R.U.E.	3	20	20	20
H.K.S. (R.A.)	8	19	21	19
R.W.F.	6	18	12	18
N.Y.P.	7	18	17	18
R.A. (H.Q.)	9	12	33	12
R.A.M.C.	6	10	20	10

Highest Breaks

Billiards—Sgt. Bloomfield 45

Snooker—Sgt. O'Connor 27

## SIR OTTO NIEMEYER'S TRIP TO U.S.

### STILL SUBJECT OF SPECULATION

London, To-day.

A visit of Sir Otto Niemeyer, Director of the Bank of England, to the United States, continues to be the subject of much speculation in City circles.

Whereas a statement issued by the Foreign Bond Owners Association intimates that Sir Otto's object in making the visit is to confer with American bond holders, on matters of mutual concern, other ideas are held by the "Daily Telegraph's" city correspondent.

He infers from the fact of the presence in the United States of Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, that questions affecting the financial and commercial policies of England in the United States, will be made the subject of informal discussions.—Trans-Ocean.















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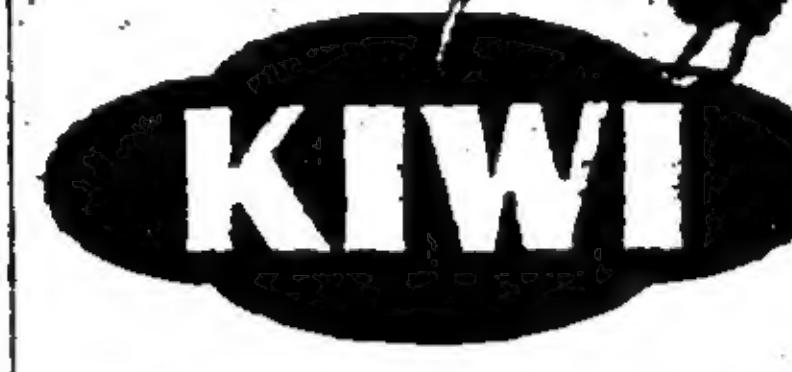
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AT THE KING'S—"Old Hutch", with Wallace Beery, Eric Linden and Cecilia Parker. Comedy, romance and thrills follow in quick succession in this story in which Beery gives a performance that tops anything in his career of popular roles.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Crash Donovan" with Jack Holt, Nan Gray and John King. A dynamic story of the adventures of the Californian Highway Police in their struggle against smugglers with a strong love interest throughout the picture.

AT THE STAR—"The Golden Arrow", with Bette Davis and George Brent. A light comedy portrayal with a romantic twist which involves also some dramatic moments.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Postal Inspector" with Ricardo Cortez, Patricia Ellis, Michael Loring and Bela Lugosi. A story of a mail robbery and what happens when a postal inspector sets out to catch the gang, finds that his brother is apparently involved.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Golgotha". A lavish spectacle based on the life of Christ.

## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 k.c.s.), 31.49 metres. (9.32 megacycles).

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12.30—Orchestral Music.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03—Four Spanish Songs by Conchita Supena (Mezzo-Soprano).

1.10—Lionel Tertis (Viola).

1.15—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

2.15—Close Down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.11—European Programme.

7 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra.

The Clock is playing (Blasov).

Dicky Bird Hop (Gourley).

"Love, Life and Laughter".

Selection.

A Musical Comedy Switch. (arr. Hall).

Cavalcade of Martial Songs (arr. Nicholas).

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8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03—From the Studio.

Maurice Dufour and His Piano-Accordeon.

1. Maman Je t'aime.

2. Parle moi d'autre chose.

3. Le Chaland.

4. El Balcario.

5. Air Rhythmic.

6. Perles de cristal.

8.20 p.m.—Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).

Violin Solo—

Caprice Viennois (Kreisler).

Bass-Baritone Solo—

The Spanish Lady (Hughes).

Lindesay Beach (Proctor-Gregg).

Violin Solo—

Londonderry Air (arr. Kreisler).

Bass-Baritone Solo—

Song of the Broomer (Mortimer & Leonard).

A Bowl of Punch (Mortimer & Leonard).

Violin Solo—

Gypsy Caprice (Kreisler).

Bass-Baritone Solo—

The Bay of Biscay (Davy).

The Sancy Arthurs (Traditional).

Violin Solo—

Dance of the Marionette (Whitnitch).

8.55—London—News and Announcements.

9.15—The Court Symphony Orchestra.

With a Song in my Heart—

Symphonic Rhapsody (Rodgers).

The Damask Rose (Chopin themes).

## BRIDGE NOTES

### BUNCO ARTIST

I know a contract player in New York who has become notorious, if not celebrated, for a type of skill that has nothing to do with bridge theory or technique [although he also is well equipped in these essentials]. This gentleman's claim to fame at the bridge table comes from something rather than mere knowledge. He is known, far and wide among club players, as a "partner handler."

When his partners make their inevitable "bells," does this cagy fellow bellow, glare, or war heavily sarcastic? He does not! The more stupid the error the more he beams upon his partners, sometimes becoming downright paternal with a "there, there—of course it was just a slip liable to happen to any one!"

The result of this hypocritical but soothing treatment is amazing! I do not mean that his gratified partners miraculously turn expert, but it is nevertheless a fact that for every mistake they make with him as partner they make three or four with others who would rather "speak their minds," at any cost, than stultify themselves. I ought to know, I'm one of the nonstuffers!

Unblocking  
It is too bad that the government didn't extend its anti-board-ing law to honours at the bridge table; the declarer, in to-day's hand, might have learned a lesson.

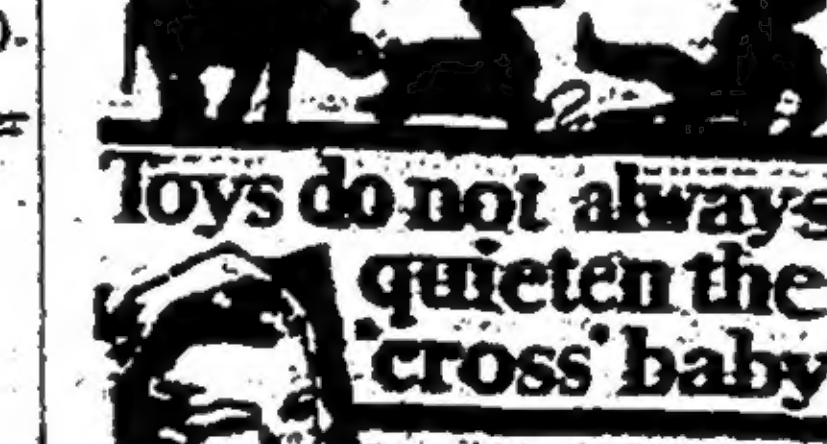
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Both sides vulnerable.  
North-South, 60 on score.

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H—9 7 5 2  
D—K 7 4  
C—Q 9

WEST  
S—9 7  
H—10 6  
D—Q J 10 6 5 3 D—A 8 2  
C—8 3 2

EAST  
S—K 5 3 2  
H—A 8  
D—A 8 2  
C—K 10 5 4

SOUTH  
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H—K Q J 4 3  
D—9  
C—A J 7 6



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Mountain Road	1,728
San Tin	1,725
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St. David's	877
Bowen Road (Hickmole)	297
MAINLAND	Feet
Tat-mee-shan	2,124
How-loo-peak	1,971

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### EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

The Lighthouse Built On Cotton

THE erection of the Lighthouse on the ashly

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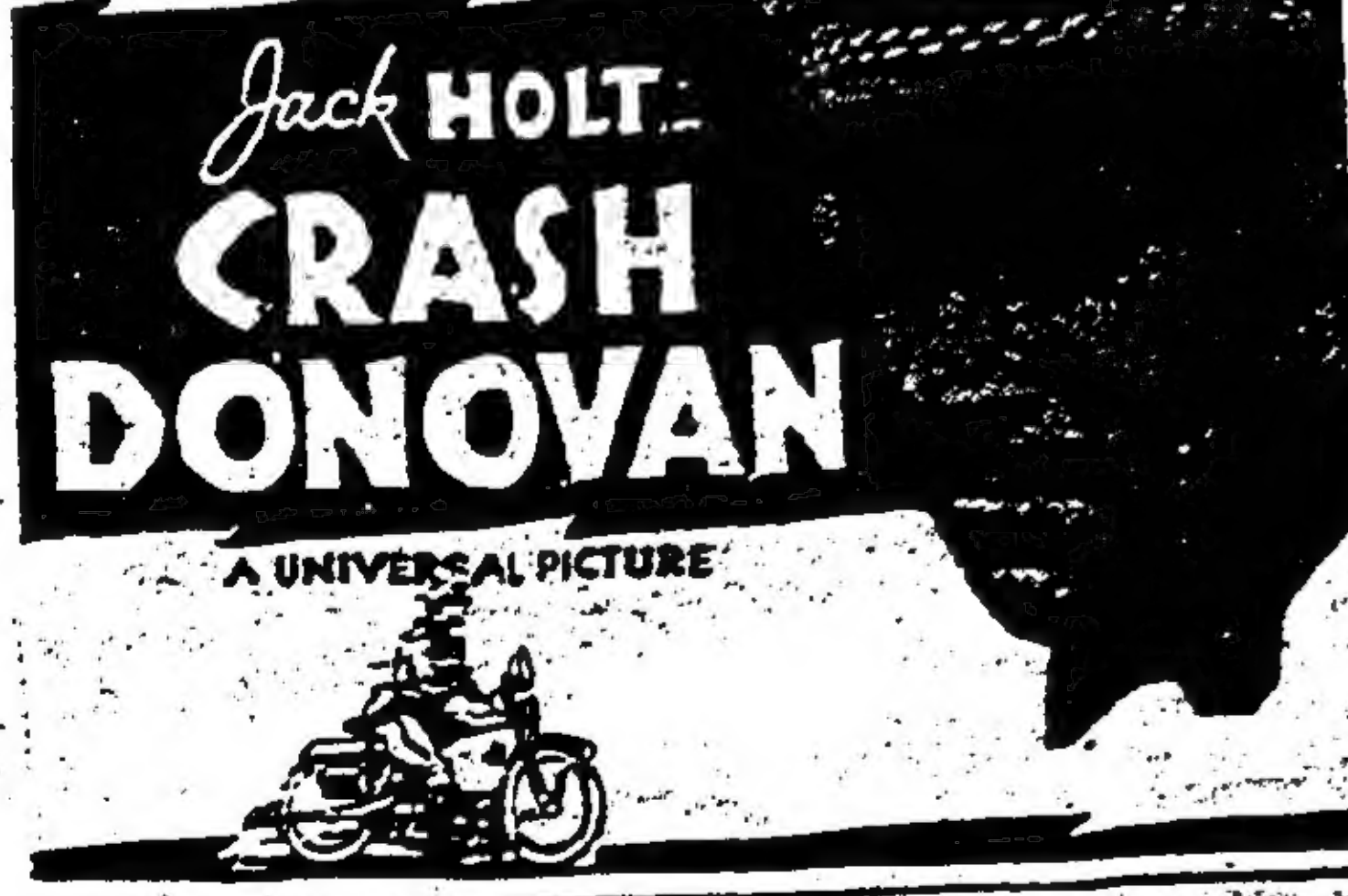


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# EDEN ASKS SANITY

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## FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

PLEAS FOR A BETTER, SANER AND MORE PROSPEROUS EUROPE IN A PEACEFUL WORLD WERE MADE BY MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, IN A COMMONS DEBATE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION LAST NIGHT WHEN HE REFERRED TO THE LARGER PLACE TAKEN IN RECENT YEARS BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS AN EXPRESSION OF ORDINARY PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR AND ANXIETY ABOUT PEACE.

Unfortunately, he said, the phenomenon was not universal. By that he did not mean what certain peoples desired peace and less than the British or others, but only that the absence of complete freedom of expression and intercourse between all lands prevented world opinion from exercising to the full its influence for peace.

That was a state of affairs they deplored because they were convinced that so overwhelming was the desire of the world for peace that were all barriers to freedom of intercourse and freedom of speech broken down everywhere then the threats to peace which existed would be largely allayed.

### YEAR OF EUROPEAN OPPORTUNITY

"The year 1937 will be a year of acutely difficult international problems, but also a year of international opportunity," declared the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, in a speech to the House of Commons on the reassembly of Parliament after the Christmas recess.

He emphasised that Great Britain was likely to be called on to play a great part in world affairs and therefore had an immense responsibility.

Referring to the civil war in Spain, Mr. Eden said that the risks of it involving Europe in a war, though not yet wholly removed, had been definitely limited.

SPAIN'S POSITION  
If anyone believed that as the outcome of the civil war any single Power was going to dominate Spain for a generation, to rule its life and direct its foreign policy, he was convinced that such person would be mistaken (cheers). Britain would be strongly opposed to any such thought and so would 24,000,000 Spaniards.

Almost the only thing that could unite Spain would be their common hatred of foreigners, while the proud Spanish people would feel the least of ill-will to those nations who intervened the least. There was nothing in the Anglo-Italian declaration which would entitle any foreign power to intervene in Spain, whatever the complexion of the Government in any part of the country.

BRITISH AIMS  
British interests in the Spanish conflict were two-fold: first, that the conflict should not spread beyond Spain, and second, that the political independence and territorial integrity of Spain should be observed.

Non-intervention remained the right policy for Europe to pursue. Referring to the question of volunteers for Spain, Mr. Eden agreed that the fact that the subject had not been raised earlier gave certain of the powers a case, to some extent. He referred to the Bill passed in the French Parliament and said that if all the Governments would place themselves in the same position, the situation would be much better.

VOLUNTEER REWARDS  
Referring to recruiting in Britain for Spain, Mr. Eden, challenged by the Communist Member, Mr. W. Gallacher, to say that any man had gone to Spain for money and not for the principle, mentioned the case of a recruit who was offered £40 a week, with expenses, as a pilot, with a bonus of £500 for every enemy plane he brought down. He also mentioned the case of an unemployed member, who was induced, when drunk, to go to Spain, but left the boat en route and was repatriated.

### PANIC AIDS IN FALL OF MALAGA

REINFORCEMENT  
ON WAY

REBEL ADVANCE  
CONTINUES

Paris, To-day.

The fall of Marbella, main rebel stronghold on the road to Malaga, is confirmed.

The commander of the insurgent forces on the southern front, General de Llano, has transferred his headquarters to Marbella and the troops are now engaged in consolidating their positions having gained a further five kilometres of ground in a north-west direction, without encountering serious resistance.

Marbella's fall is said to have developed from a panic among the leaders in Malaga who were greatly surprised by the rapidity of the rebel advance and lost their heads.

They have now apparently abandoned hope that Malaga can be successfully defended, but reinforcements are being rushed from Alhacete in order to reorganise the defence. — Trans-Ocean.

### COMMISSION ON WAY HOME

Outlook Revealed By  
Sir H. Rumbold

Jerusalem, To-day.

Lord Peel and other members of the Royal Commission which has been enquiring into the Arab discontent in Palestine, left Jerusalem for Egypt yesterday afternoon.

One of the members, Sir Horace Rumbold, summed up the Committee's feelings, as follows: Before the enquiry we did not realise the seriousness of the situation. — Trans-Ocean.

mic co-operation needed the collaboration of all, if it were to succeed.

If that was forthcoming, undoubtedly we could create a better, a more sane and more prosperous Europe in a peaceful world, but if that was to be done, armaments expenditure must be reduced and ways of economic co-operation learned, so that the standard of life could be raised.

Referring to Germany, he said the world was asking where the doctrines of race and nationalism were to lead Germany and all of us.

Europe could not continue drifting to a more uncertain future, could not be torn into acute national rivalries and violently opposed ideologies, with any hope of surviving without scars which would last for generations.

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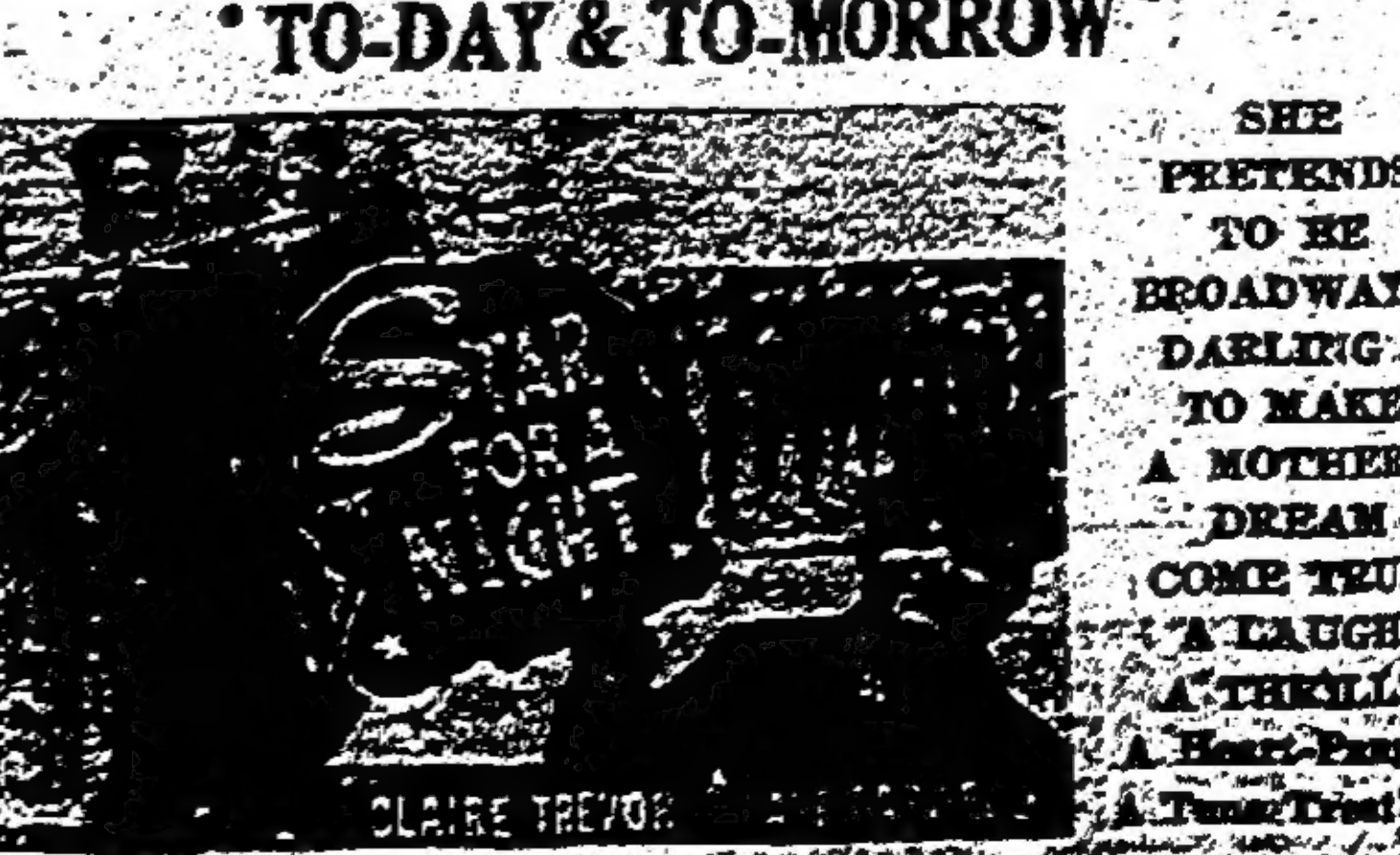


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